

Planning committee to wade in on freeway location

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The Ahwatukee Foothills Village Planning Committee will hear a presentation on the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway and then make a recommendation at its meeting next week.

A majority of members on the planning committee has been opposed to a freeway on Pecos Road for years and is expected to recommend a route other than on Pecos Road. The recommendation would only be that, a recommendation, but it would add weight to the opposition to a freeway along

Pecos Road.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Ahwatukee Foothills Senior Center, 5051 E. Elliot Road.

Before any vote, there will be presentations by the Arizona Department of Transportation on the need for the freeway, projected traffic growth and a summary of surveys taken last year at the Grace Inn at Ahwatukee when ADOT first unveiled the update path of the Loop 202 Freeway through Ahwatukee Foothills.

ADOT estimated that between 255 and 659 homes would have to be demolished to make way for the

freeway along Pecos Road, depending on if the freeway were built at ground level or below grade.

The freeway was first approved in 1988 to connect Interstate 10 in Ahwatukee Foothills with I-10 near 51st Avenue and passing south of South Mountain.

The planning committee also will discuss traffic issues associated with a proposed condominium, retail business and office development called Parkhouse 50 at the southeast corner of Chandler Boulevard and 50th Street.

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